

University of Otago

# Whānau Guide He Rau Arataki





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Tēnei te ruru koukou mai nei  
Kīhai mahitihiti  
Kīhai marakaraka  
Te upoko nui o te ruru  
**Terekou!**  
He pō he pō  
He ao, ka awatea

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Ka rewa te kohu i a Poutaiki  
tau ana te āio o Uenuku  
ki te Wairutuatai  
taku ahuru mōwai e  
**Tihei mauriora**

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Ma te matua mate wai  
Ma te matua mate kai  
Ma te matua whakatakoto  
ki te Kutu o Toretore  
**Kahore ia, kahore ia!**

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*E rere ana taku mihi ki a koutou katoa e ngā manuhiri tuāraki, e kā tauira Māori, ā, me ō rātou whānau, i tēnā pito, i tēnā pito. Kai kā mana, kā reo, kā tini mauka o te motu, nau mai, haere mai tauti mai. Haere mai ki te haumarutaka o Whakaari, ki te awa o Ōtākou e rere, e rere, ki te taone nei o Ōtepoti, nō reira tēnā koutou, e kā rakatira o āpōpō, tēnā koutou katoa.*

I extend a warm welcome on behalf of our Ōtākou hapū, to you, our esteemed manuhiri, Māori students, one and all, welcome to the University of Otago.

Follow in the footsteps of those esteemed tūpuna who have gone before, emulate their achievements, “ki te tuoho koe, me he maunga teitei” (seek you the little treasures of your heart; if you bow your head, let it be to a lofty mountain).

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable time as you strive for excellence in your chosen study. Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui, Mauriora!

Edward Ellison  
Ūpoko Te Rūnanga o Ōtākou

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*Papaki kau ana te tai o mihi ki kā mauka, ki kā awa, ki kā waka o te motu kua whakaopeti mai nei ki ngā akau roa o Āraiteuru. E kā iwi nau piki mai, nau kake mai, tauti mai rā i raro i te korowāi manaaki o kā hapū o Āraiteuru e hora nei.*

I offer my sincere greetings on behalf of the hapū of Moeraki to you all who have travelled here to the Āraiteuru coast from your respective homes.

It is with pleasure that I welcome you to our university and wish you all every success in your academic pursuits.

Whāia te pae tawhiti kia tata, whāia te pae tata whakamaua kia tīna!

Seek your distant horizons while sustaining those at hand!

David Higgins  
Ūpoko Te Rūnanga o Moeraki

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*Tēnā koutou katoa e aku rahi, e aku nui. Kai te mihi atu ki a koutou kā tini mauka o ia rohe o ia rohe o Aotearoa, Te Waipounamu, Rakiura me Rēkohu hoki. Nau mai haere mai ki tō tātou taone o Ōtepoti, ki Te Whare Wānaka o Ōtākou, hai aha? Hai whakakī i tō kete mātauraka, hai raukura mō tō ūpoko, ōtirā mō tō whānau, tō hapū, tō iwi. Tēnā koutou katoa.*

Greetings to all students, their whānau and friends who have made the journey to Otepoti and the University of Otago.

Kai te mihi koutou – welcome to you all. We look forward to your studies and to providing you with opportunities to visit our marae and get to know something of the people, history and stories of this area. During your time here we hope you are able to fill your kete with knowledge from both the formal opportunities provided by the University and the rich life experiences you will encounter.

But most of all may your time amongst us be enjoyable and safe.

Kia tau te rangimarie.

Matapura Ellison  
Chairperson, Kati Huirapa Rūnaka ki Puketeraki

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# Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai

Welcome to Aotearoa New Zealand's first university –  
Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou



Kia ora and a very warm welcome to all Māori students who are thinking about choosing the University of Otago. Otago is New Zealand's first and finest university. We are highly committed to research-led teaching; our students are taught by experts who are internationally recognised in their field.

Otago is also especially renowned for the campus environment and student experience that it offers. Employers clearly value the all-encompassing education that this university provides, and many of our graduates say that they came to Otago, loved it and made friends and whānau connections for life.

For more than a century, Otago has valued its strong links with Māoridom. Our first Māori graduate, Te Rangi Hiroa (Sir Peter Buck), qualified as a doctor in 1904. Like Te Rangi Hiroa, many of our distinguished Māori graduates in the early years trained as health professionals, but today we attract students from throughout Aotearoa in all fields.

While we have a special Treaty-based partnership with Ngāi Tahu as mana whenua of this takiwā / tribal area, we have also developed strong links with other iwi around the country and there are a number with whom we have a formal relationship.

Although our main campus is based in Ōtepoti, nearly half of all our Māori students come from the North Island to study at Otago and we are proud to welcome young people from many iwi throughout Aotearoa.

Otago is a national university and we are delighted that Māori students make up a substantial and growing share of our student roll. We are doing everything we can to make this university a place where Māori students and their whānau feel very much at home. We hope that your whānau will entrust you to us, so that you can obtain the education that will help you attain your dreams and achieve your goals, as well as those held by your whānau, hapū and iwi.

Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata whakamaui kia tina.

Pursue the distant dreams so they become closer; pursue the close dreams so they can be embraced.

Ngā mihi.



**Professor David Murdoch**

Te Tumu Whakarae  
Vice-Chancellor



Ki k   k  rakaraka maha o te motu,  
t  n   koutou, t  n   koutou,  
t  n   koutou katoa.

Haere tonu k   mihi ki k   wh  nau, otir    
ki a koutou e poipoi ana i    tamariki,  
mokopuna kia takahia te ara whai  
m  tauraka. Ka mutu, ko te ara t  r   i  
takahia k  tia e    t  t  u t  puna.

Kai te mihi, kai te mihi.

To the many people of our land,  
welcome.

We extend our greetings to your  
family and to all who encourage  
our children and grandchildren to  
pursue the pathway of knowledge  
– the path already traversed by those  
gone before us.

We greet you all.

As Director of M  ori Development  
at the University of Otago, I want  
to thank you and your wh  nau for  
considering Otago.

The University's southern roots are  
anchored in a special relationship with  
the communities of Otago, Southland  
(College of Education, Murihiku  
campus) and Canterbury (Christchurch  
School of Medicine), including a  
special Treaty of Waitangi partnership  
with Ng  i Tahu, as mana whenua  
within its takiw   of Te Wai Pounamu.

The University's commitment to  
M  ori advancement is articulated  
in our M  ori Strategic Framework,  
which serves as a blueprint for staff and  
students alike.

Crucial to M  ori student success at  
Otago are the M  ori Centre, the  
M  ori Students' Association (Te  
Roopt   M  ori), Kai  whina M  ori  
within the academic divisions, the  
M  ori Postgraduate Support Adviser  
and the M  ori Career Adviser.

In addition, Te Tumu, the School of  
M  ori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies  
teaches and researches M  ori language  
and culture, and issues relating to  
Pacific and indigenous peoples.

These support mechanisms have  
created a surge in successful tauira  
M  ori. The University now hosts over  
2,500 M  ori students comprising  
12 per cent of domestic student  
enrolments. Over the past decade, the  
number of M  ori students at Otago has  
increased by 50 per cent – more than  
three times greater than the overall  
domestic student rate.

M  ori academic staff have also  
flourished. In recent years, the Prime  
Minister's Supreme Award for teaching  
was won in three consecutive years  
by M  ori academic staff members at  
Otago.

Ka timu te tai, ka pao te t  rea.

Make the most of your opportunities,  
seize the day.

We look forward to supporting you and  
your wh  nau at Otago.

N   reira, t  n   koutou, t  n   koutou,  
t  n   koutou katoa.



**Tuari Potiki**

K  i Tahu, Kati M  moe, Waitaha  
Kaiwhakahaere  
Director, M  ori Development





9 Castle Street North  
Te Huka Māori Centre

TE HUKA MĀTAURA



Watch video



# Te Huka Mātauraka

## The Māori Centre

Ka mate kāinga tahi, ka ora kāinga rua.

Ko te Huka Mātauraka ka noho hei kāinga rua mō ngā tauira Māori katoa ka tau mai ki Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou.

Mai i te purapura o te hiahia kia haere mai koe, tae noa ki te hui whakapūmau me ngā mahi ka whai ake, ko Te Huka Mātauraka tērā ka poipoi, ka ārahi, ka āwhina i ngā tauira Māori katoa.

All year, every year, Te Huka Mātauraka offers a home away from home for our tauira Māori.

Te Huka Mātauraka is the heart of Māori life on campus, providing services, support, motivation and encouragement. We are an iwi-diverse whānau packed with mātua and whāea who are dedicated to serving our tauira and ensuring they have access to a welcoming place throughout their academic hikoi.

We are a hub for tauira Māori to gather, seek support and advice, and access a rich community of iwi networks and whakawhanaukataka. Our services range from academic and tutorial expertise, tuakana teina support, and Year 13 to first-year support through to clinical and therapeutic care when challenges require more than encouragement and awahi.

This guide will help you understand the depth of tautoko and mahi Te

Huka Mātauraka provides. It includes information about transitioning from secondary school to university and will introduce you to the support available at Te Huka Mātauraka.



**Michelle  
Taiaroa-McDonald**  
Kai Tahu  
Tumuaki



**Tama Walker**  
Ngāti Porou  
Kaitakawaeka



**Arihia Joseph**  
Ngāti Maniapoto,  
Ngāti Kahungunu  
ki te Wairoa  
Kaitutui Mātauraka



**Terry Monga**  
Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti  
Whātua-o-Ōrākei, Rarotonga  
Kaihonohono



**Martha Dewey**  
Kaitutui



**Jeremy Wara**  
Waikato Te Arawa  
Kaitutui



**Amber Kalinowski**  
Kai Tahu, Taranaki  
Kaitohutohu



**Flynn Rosie**  
Ngā Puhi  
Kaiwhakatau Manuhiri



**Jenny Miller**  
Te Ātiawa  
Kaitohutohu



**Desiree Miller**  
Tokelauan  
Kaitutui

# Ko ngā pou tautoko i tō haerenga

## Supporting your journey to Otago

Our Kaitakawaeka Māori may be your first contact with us.

Tama Walker is based in the Māori Centre on campus in Dunedin. He can provide information about scholarships and advise tauira Māori and their whānau on courses of study. Tama also visits secondary schools, careers evenings, community events and iwi forums.

Tama attends a range of planned events up and down the motu and is keen to connect with whānau, hapū and kura, so please make contact to plan an individualised visit for your rakatahi. He works closely with the Schools' Liaison team and often joins them on secondary school visits. Tama manages the Kia Ita programme and organises On-Campus Experience stays.



**Tama Walker**  
Ngāti Porou

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# Whai wheako ki te noho ki te papa taurima

## Experience campus life

We run a number of outreach programmes and events to support your journey from secondary school to university, including opportunities to travel to Dunedin and experience life at Otago.

### YEAR 10

KATTI  
Science Wānanga

### YEAR 11

KATTI  
Science Wānanga

### YEAR 12

KATTI  
Hands-On

### YEAR 13

KATTI  
Hands-On  
REACH / OCE

### Science Wānanga

Science Wānanga is a three-day, hands-on experience for Māori secondary students. Staying on marae with university students, scientists and kaumatua, you will get to carry out real science in your local community.

Wānanga encourages us to explore the connections between science, mātāuranga Māori and our lives, especially the links between human health and environmental health.

[otago.ac.nz/science-wananga](https://otago.ac.nz/science-wananga)

### Hands-On at Otago

Hands-On is a week-long summer camp held at Otago during the school holidays in January. We offer Poutama scholarships nationwide for students of Māori descent entering Year 12 or 13 to participate in the Hands-On at Otago programme. The scholarship covers all costs, including travel to and from Dunedin, for a fun week developing your knowledge, skills and passion for tertiary study.

[otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago](https://otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago)

### REACH Otago Scholarship

The REACH Otago Scholarship (Realising Educational Aspirations for Careers in Health) gives selected Year 13 Māori students from across New Zealand the opportunity to experience university life first-hand. You'll spend three days on campus: living in residential colleges, attending lectures, meeting current students and learning about the various health sciences degrees and major study options Otago offers. Applications open 1 May and close 20 June each year.

[otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora](https://otago.ac.nz/mhwdu/tearahauora)

### On-Campus Experience (OCE)

The OCE is a fully funded scholarship that provides an amazing opportunity for senior secondary students of Māori descent to sample living and learning at Otago. The OCE will run from Sunday 7 – Thursday 11 May 2023. You will attend lectures in your areas of interest, meet academic staff and students, experience life in a residential college, and visit the Māori Centre. If you are currently in your final year of study at a New Zealand secondary school, are of Māori descent and have acquired NCEA Level 2 with merit endorsement (or an equivalent for CIE and IB students), consider applying for the OCE.

[otago.ac.nz/future-students/oce](https://otago.ac.nz/future-students/oce)

### Kei a Tātou Te Ihi (KATTI)

KATTI is a programme aimed at helping Year 10 to 13 Māori students in the wider Auckland area think about their university options. It is delivered by Māori Liaison Officers from several tertiary institutions, including Otago.

[f keiatatouteihi](https://www.facebook.com/keiatatouteihi)

# Ngā karahipi Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available for taura Māori, both through the University of Otago and from iwi, government, industry and private organisations. We strongly encourage you to explore these opportunities.

## University of Otago Māori Entrance Scholarships

Each year, the University offers many scholarships to students of Māori descent looking to begin their first year of tertiary study. These scholarships have a standard value of \$13,000. Some applicants of exceptional calibre may be awarded this scholarship at a higher value and longer tenure. Other University of Otago undergraduate scholarships are available and there are also postgraduate scholarships specifically for taura Māori.

[otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships](http://otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships)

## Tū Kahika

Tū Kahika supports taura Māori interested in a career in health through the University of Otago's Foundation Year Health Sciences course and beyond. The scholarship provides accommodation plus academic, cultural, pastoral and financial support over the year. Tū Kahika is more than a scholarship, it is a whānau of taura Māori and staff that supports one another to achieve their goals. Tū Kahika provides an excellent platform for students to progress into further health sciences study.

[tu.kahika@otago.ac.nz](mailto:tu.kahika@otago.ac.nz)

## Other scholarships

There are many scholarships available from a wide range of sources. Visit givME, the GenNZ website that provides information on more than 4,000 scholarships and awards to find out more.

[generosity.org.nz/giv-me](http://generosity.org.nz/giv-me)

You can also talk about scholarship opportunities with careers advisers at your school or with your iwi. Or, email us for further advice.

[maori-centre@otago.ac.nz](mailto:maori-centre@otago.ac.nz)



**Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey**

Ngā Rauru, Ngāti Ruanui

Bachelor of Arts (Geography and Māori Studies), PhD candidate

**Leteisha Te Awhe-Downey strongly believes in taking every opportunity that presents itself and, since deciding to study at Otago, doors keep opening for her.**

During her final year at secondary school in Levin, she was awarded a scholarship to spend a week at Otago as part of the Hands-On at Otago programme.

She also won a Māori Entrance Scholarship, which took the financial pressure off her first year's accommodation.

Having a sunny room with a view over the campus was a bonus.

"I wanted to fully experience living by myself, growing in independence and meeting new people so I just threw myself in the deep end," she says.

The highlight of her studies has been her own personal growth and reconnection with te ao Māori.

Her research passion focuses on the dispersion of indigenous peoples from their homelands, a story that resonates strongly with her own family history.

"Indigenous development in Māori Studies has allowed me to explore who I am, which is really important because it has been missing for so long," she says.

Exceptional performance in this area was recognised by a commendation from the University of Otago Council.



# Te tautoko i a koe ki Ōtākou

## Supporting you at Otago

Your tamariki will not be alone when they come to Otago. There are already more than 2,500 taira Māori enrolled here, representing almost every iwi, and making their contribution to the safe whānau environment on campus.

### Kia Ita: Preparation programme for Māori students

Kia Ita is a free programme of lectures, workshops and social activities for Māori students who are about to begin their first year of study. It is all about whakawhanaukataka and providing our taira with the tautoko and awhi to make the transition to university less daunting and easier to navigate. It will also help you form long-lasting friendships and bonds with the whānau of Te Huka Mātauraka.

#### What's in it for you?

- Whakawhanaukataka and the benefits and opportunities that creates.
- Learn university-level study skills and habits.
- Get to know what university is about and how it works.
- Experience the Otago campus and facilities.
- Make new friends, connect with whanauka.
- Meet University staff, form bonds with the whānau at Te Huka Mātauraka and learn about our support.

#### When and where?

Two weeks of distance learning starting early January, followed by four weeks on campus with free accommodation.

[otago.ac.nz/kiaita](https://otago.ac.nz/kiaita)

### Tūraka Hou

As one of the most significant programmes on campus, Tūraka Hou / Māori Orientation assists with the transition from whānau to university, providing a strong foundation for taira Māori to settle into their first and second years of study. Tūraka Hou focuses on making sure you're aware of the support and resources available and how to activate them when needed.

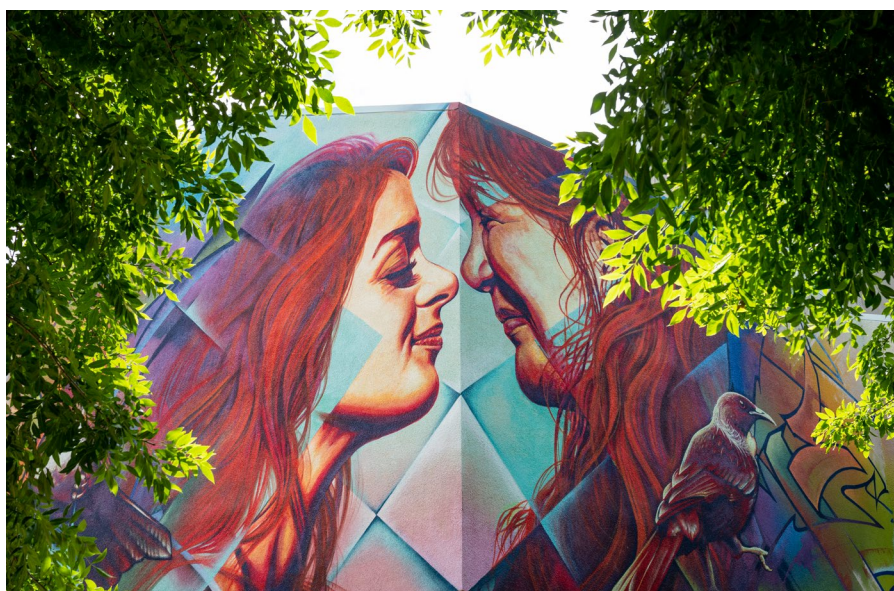
The programme begins with a pōwhiri where you will have the opportunity to meet other taira. The University employs a number of mana whenua staff from the surrounding rūnaka, including the current manager of the Māori Centre, who can help you develop relationships with the local Māori communities.

Above all, you will meet other taira Māori and develop a sense of whakawhanaukataka – you belong to a community, and you are not alone.

### How can whānau be involved?

Many whānau, especially those in the North Island, come to Dunedin at the start of the year to help their sons and daughters settle in. It can be a long way to travel, but if you can make it to Dunedin, try to attend the pōwhiri for first-year students at one of our local papatipu maraes.

Whenever whānau are in town, they are always welcome to come by and see us. And parents can call or email if they have any concerns or wish to understand more about the University.



# Hōtaka mātauranga Academic programme

The Māori Centre is committed to providing high-quality academic support for Otago's taura Māori.

You are strongly encouraged to join the Centre's academic programme, which provides expert tutorials for first-years in most subjects and links you with relevant support networks for the duration of your study.

Taura Māori that take up this opportunity receive impressive results. Many of our taura aspire to postgraduate study and professional and leadership roles throughout New Zealand and around the world. We are proud of them all.

The Māori Centre helps taura develop study, exam, essay writing and referencing skills. These may be part of weekly academic support sessions or offered through the wider University support systems.

[otago.ac.nz/maoricentre/academic](https://otago.ac.nz/maoricentre/academic)



**Arihia Joseph**

Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Kahungunu ki te Wairoa

Kaitiuiti Mātauraka  
(Academic Co-ordinator)

**In the time that Arihia Joseph has worked as a key member of Te Huka Mātauraka, the number of taura Māori at Otago has doubled.**

Arihia co-ordinates the Centre's academic programme, working with some of the most enthusiastic and passionate teaching staff on campus to help students access learning support in their studies through supplementary tutorials and workshops.

Arihia says staff know their work makes a difference to students, their families and society.

"I don't think I've had a better job in terms of job satisfaction. What we're really good at is networking with our colleagues to provide the best possible support for our students."

Some students have attributed this help to their own academic success.

Arihia says Te Heika Pounamu is a highlight of her year because she hears about the journey students have taken to reach their academic goals and that makes all the hard work worthwhile.

"When you see students come through as first-years, you see their development from a quiet, shy student as they discover their voice and blossom into highly intelligent, confident graduates.

"That's the thing I never get tired of. I really enjoy seeing that success."

Hāpaitia te ara tika pūmau ai te rangatiratanga mō ngā uri whakatipu.

Foster the pathway of knowledge, independence and growth for future generations.



# Kā Rikarika o Tāne Mentoring programme

Whanaungatanga – Ako – Manaakitanga – Rangitiratanga.

Kā Rikarika o Tāne, run by Te Huka Mātauraka, aims to enhance educational and social outcomes for taura Māori and alleviate the stress involved in the transition to university.

The philosophical framework that underpins the programme is the story of Tāne Mahuta and the three baskets of knowledge, where Tāne ascends to the highest heaven of Tikitiki-o-rangi in the search for great knowledge to bring back to mankind.

Kā Rikarika o Tāne uses traditional Māori methodologies of tuakana/teina and whānau/hapu/iwi to create an on-campus community that focuses on building relationships through social engagement.

First-year taura (teina) are matched with a senior taura (tuakana) to form a mentoring pair. These pairs are clustered together to create whānau, which are led by our most outstanding taura (mataamua).



Together they navigate the year, providing support and looking after each other. It is this weaving of people that you can see in our tohu and that gives our whānau their strength.

Teina can expect a weekly catch-up via text or over coffee with their tuakana who has been trained to provide timely accurate advice – if they don't have the answers, they will know who does.

Once a month, everyone comes together to compete for the best whānau, which is presented at our end-of-year formal dinner.

Nau mai, haere mai ki roto i te korowai o Kā Rikarika o Tāne.

[otago.ac.nz/maoricentre/academic](https://otago.ac.nz/maoricentre/academic)



**Waiora Morris**

Ngāpuhi, Te Whānau-ā-Apanui, Ngāti Awa, Te Rarawa  
Studying for a Bachelor of Commerce  
(Economics, Finance)

**Waiora Morris is the first of his family to study at Otago, but a lot of students from his old secondary school studied here and he had heard about how they enjoyed a different lifestyle than they were used to in Auckland.**

In his first year at Arana College, Waiora made some good friends on campus and enjoyed the support of the Māori Centre's Kā Rikarika o Tāne tuākana/teina mentoring system.

"They introduced me to an older medical student who helped me find my feet."

During the COVID-19 lockdown, Waiora had to return to Auckland and studied online.

"I found that quite difficult for my way of learning because you weren't face to face with your teacher, but you just had to push through it and adapt I guess."

His efforts paid off when he was rewarded with a University Council award for exceptional performance in one of his Economics papers.

Outside of his studies, Waiora enjoys playing for the Harbour Hawks in the Dunedin club rugby competition.

Looking ahead to his future, he says he has always had a passion for commerce and, at this stage of his career, all avenues are wide open.

# Manaaki Pastoral care

We are a whare full of whāea and mātua who understand that you are away from the security of your whānau and the familiarity of secondary school relationships.

The staff at the Māori Centre will take care of you. We will advocate for you when things get tough. You will have access to professional Māori counsellors who can

guide you through times that need extra confidential advice and reassurance. You will feel the aroha and wise counsel from our Māori Chaplain and the security and

warmth of our support staff. We are your whanauka. Nau mai. Tauti mai.

## Haurora Connector

Terry Monga is our Haurora Connector and can help you navigate the challenges of university.

“Tertiary-level education can be hard for tauira. Especially those that have moved away from the security of their whānau. This is a time full of new spaces and experiences and sometimes it goes somewhere you have never experienced before. We have years of experience of when these things occur, why they occur and how to move through it well, however what tauira might do is try and figure it out by themselves – something we ask tauira to never do.”



**Terry Monga (Pāpā T)**

Ngāti Maniapoto, Ngāti Whātua-o-Ōrākei, Rarotonga

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## Māori Chaplains

“He uri tēnei nō Tauranga Moana, kō Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngai te Rangī, me Ngāti Ranginui. I whakapapa to Tauranga but was raised in Mangere and I have the honour of serving our whānau at the University as a Māori Chaplain. From blessings rooms and taonga to karakia and just having a laugh, I love the hononga we can make and have with each other and the atua. For you to thrive at uni we have to look after our whole health and this includes te taha wairua.”



**Krystle van der Salm**

Ngāti Pūkenga, Ngai te Rangī, Ngāti Ranginui

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“I am a Māori Chaplain at the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic. I take an holistic approach in supporting the well-being of students and staff – mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Tikanga Māori drives my kaupapa of encouraging people of all faiths and none. I am honoured to meet the needs of Māori in this tertiary space to promote student and staff success.”



**Shari Roy**

Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa

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# Kaitohutohu Māori Counselling

Our tauira have access to experienced counsellors for free, confidential advice and guidance while studying with us here at Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtākou.

Jenny Miller brings experience and knowledge from a range of interesting roles to her work at Te Huka Mātauraka.

After completing a Bachelor of Physical Education at Otago in the 1990s, Jenny lived in Auckland and gained a Diploma of Herbal Medicine. She later returned home to Dunedin and worked as a personal trainer before a decade at Araiteuru Whare Hauora. In 2018 she completed Te Taketake, Diploma of Applied Addictions Counselling and worked in Youth Addictions and Mental Health before coming to Te Huka Mātauraka.

“My counselling work is trauma-informed and draws on various models of practice from Te Whare Tapa Whā and Pōwhiri Poutama to somatic and mindfulness approaches to therapy.”

Jenny encourages tauira to reach out for support.

“I am available to kōrero about any issue that is bugging you, including anxiety, homesickness, grief, stress, social issues, relationship issues with friends/whānau, sexuality, gender, low mood, trauma or whatever it is you may be struggling with. I am only too happy to have you reach out and make a time to come kōrero. I can see you kanohi ki te kanohi, or we can Zoom as needed.”

Ko Taranaki me Takitimu ōku maunga  
Ko Hungatehua me Aprima ōku awa  
Ko Kurahoupo me Takitimu ōku waka  
Ko Taranaki me Kāi Tahu ōku iwi  
Ko Amber Kalinowski tōku ingoa

Amber Kalinowski comes from “a big beautiful, dynamic and complicated whānau” who inspired and supported her to be adventurous and curious about the world, people and their experiences.

She has worked in education, addiction and whānau settings, always with young people at the center of her mahi.

“My philosophy is deeply rooted in social justice, social construction (society and the messages it tells us) and narratives.

“How terrifyingly exciting that you are coming to Otago. This can be a wondrous place full of potential, new experiences, learnings and relationships. Sometimes these things can be challenging to navigate and being away from whānau and whenua can be hard.

“So come have a kōrero, a laugh and tangi in a pretty chill space. Let us be your whānau away from home.”



**Jenny Miller**

Te Ātiawa

[jenny.miller@otago.ac.nz](mailto:jenny.miller@otago.ac.nz)



**Amber Kalinowski**

Kāi Tahu, Taranaki

[amber.kalinowski@otago.ac.nz](mailto:amber.kalinowski@otago.ac.nz)



# Ngā Rōpū Māori

## Māori student associations

### Te Rōpū Māori

#### Māori Students' Association

Te Rōpū Māori (TRM) represents all taira Māori alongside the Otago University Students' Association. They are the political and advocacy body for taira Māori on campus, and also provide cultural and social support, organising social and sporting events throughout the year.



Te Rōpū aims to support and encourage education for taira Māori enrolled at the University of Otago, encourage tertiary education amongst taira Māori, and liaise with the broader Māori community at local, regional and national levels. Every student who registers at Otago as a Māori taira automatically becomes a member of TRM.

[teroopu.maori@otago.ac.nz](mailto:teroopu.maori@otago.ac.nz)

or [tumuaki@trm.org.nz](mailto:tumuaki@trm.org.nz)

03 479 8563

 [TRMOTAGO](https://www.facebook.com/TRMOTAGO)

There are 11 divisional associations:

### Te Oranga ki Ōtākou (TOKO)

#### Māori Medical Students' Association

TOKO is a not-for-profit student organisation for Māori medical students. The group's purpose is whakawhanaungatanga / making connections, with Māori identity as the common thread. They largely support and advocate for students as they progress through medical school, and provide platforms for the discovery and development of identity and passion.

[toko.exec@gmail.com](mailto:toko.exec@gmail.com)

 [teoranga.aotearoa](https://www.facebook.com/teoranga.aotearoa)

### Te Rōpū Whai Pūtake

#### Māori Law Students' Association

Te Rōpū Whai Pūtake runs various academic and social events throughout the year including tutorials, academic lectures and social events during Te Wiki o Te Ture / Māori Legal Issues Week, and other social events such as BBQs and dessert nights. They also provide support and advocacy to Māori students in need.

[whai.putake@otago.ac.nz](mailto:whai.putake@otago.ac.nz)

### Te Tai Tuarā (TTT)

#### Māori Commerce Students' Association

TTT aims to encourage and motivate excellence amongst Māori Commerce students by providing academic support and opportunities to network outside of regular University events.

[maoricommerce.ttt@otago.ac.nz](mailto:maoricommerce.ttt@otago.ac.nz)

 [TTT Otago](https://www.facebook.com/TTT_Otago)

### Physical Education Māori Students' Association (PEMA)

PEMA aims to foster an environment where Māori can be successful in the academy while maintaining their cultural identity – it is important to them to create tuakana-teina relationships between year levels. Their core functions are whanaungatanga, weekly study nights, sports days and study retreats.

[pema@otago.ac.nz](mailto:pema@otago.ac.nz)

### Ngā Raukura o Tāne Whakapiripiri (NROTW)

#### Māori Physiotherapy Students' Association

NROTW aims to foster a collaborative environment. They work with other groups on campus to organise tutorials, study wānanga at exam time, lunches, rōpū dinners and outings that nurture relationships between taira. The aim is to facilitate relationships between Māori students that will remain as they enter the workforce.

[nrtwphysio@gmail.com](mailto:nrtwphysio@gmail.com)

### Ngā Mōkai o Ngā Whetū

#### Māori Dental Students' Association

Ngā Mōkai o Ngā Whetū is a branch of Te Ao Mārama / NZ Māori Dental Association. Their objectives are to enhance the whakawhanaungatanga between students and staff and include mentoring, networking, dental excursions, events, ventures and skill development. Māori dental students will be contacted directly to attend a mihi whakatau and meet with the president.

[nzteamarama@gmail.com](mailto:nzteamarama@gmail.com)

[teaomarama.org.nz/career-pathways/nga-mokai-o-nga-whetu](https://teaomarama.org.nz/career-pathways/nga-mokai-o-nga-whetu)

### Te Puna Kaitaka

#### Māori Pharmacy Students' Association

Te Puna Kaitaka aims to promote the interests of all Māori Pharmacy students. They organise events throughout the year, including a student hui with the Auckland School of Pharmacy and Shield events in collaboration with Te Rōpū Māori.

[tepunakaitaka@gmail.com](mailto:tepunakaitaka@gmail.com)

#### Ngā Taura o Te Kete Aronui (NTKA)

NTKA aims to support and encourage academic achievement, and protect and promote the interests of all taura Māori enrolled in the Division of Humanities. They promote and organise cultural, social, intellectual and educational activities, and facilitate contact between taura and the wider University.

[ntka@otago.ac.nz](mailto:ntka@otago.ac.nz)

 NTKA2021

#### Te Rōpū Pūtaiao (TRP)

TRP creates relationships between Māori students in the Division of Sciences.

[trp.maoriscience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:trp.maoriscience@otago.ac.nz)

#### Ngā Puna Hauora (NPH)

NPH supports Health Sciences students on the Wellington campus.

[ngapunahauora@gmail.com](mailto:ngapunahauora@gmail.com)

#### Te Rōpū Mātai Hauora (TRMH)

TRMH supports students studying Health Sciences and Māori health.

[teroopu.maori@otago.ac.nz](mailto:teroopu.maori@otago.ac.nz)

# The University of Otago is ranked in the **top 1%** of universities in the world.

(QS World University Rankings)



## 574

Māori graduates  
in 2021.

## 266

Māori entrance  
scholarships  
awarded  
in 2021.

## 171

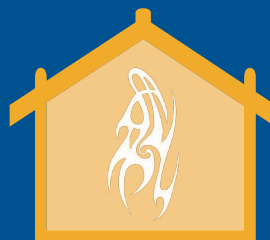
with postgraduate  
qualifications.

## 2,532

taura Māori  
representing  
nearly every iwi.

## #1

in Aotearoa for  
taura Māori  
qualification  
completions.\*



Te Huka Mātauraka:  
supporting our taura Māori  
for over 30 years.

## 60+

Māori medical  
doctors graduated  
in 2021.



# Hui Whakanui Celebrations

At the Māori Centre, we find many opportunities to celebrate – it's all part of helping you feel welcome, encouraged and valued during your studies.

There is nothing like the pride whānau feel when their tamariki make it through their years of study and achieve their degrees, and we make sure this milestone is celebrated.

The Māori Centre co-ordinates the Māori pre-graduation ceremony before the formal events at the Town Hall. All whānau are invited, and there is time for kōrero, waiata, photographs and plenty of laughter (and a few tears!). The event is a highlight on our calendar and is remembered by many tauira as one of the best days of their lives.





*“Kai kā ihoiho o kā mauka whakahī o te motu, tēnā rā koutou katoa!*

*“He uri whakaheke tēnei i kā kāwai whakapapa o Ōtākou, o Taranaki, o Te Tai Tokerau anō hoki. Ko Kāi Tahu, ko Ngāti Mutunga, ko Te Ati Awa, ko Ngāpuhi, ko Ngāi Takoto ōku iwi, ko Kiringāua Cassidy ahau.*

*“Ko te take nui i tae mai ai ahau ki tēnei whare wānaka, ko tōna pātata ki te kākā, ki tōku ūkaipō, ki tōku whānau. Arā hoki ko te taha ki te kouka o kā kaupapa ako me te kaha o tā te ao Māori me Te Huka Mātauraka manaaki mai. I te whakakotahitaka mai o ērā āhuatanga katoa, kāore he whirika i tua atu i tēnei whare wānaka mōku.*

*“Nau mai, tahuti mai rā ki tēnei whare wānaka. He tauira ahau e whai ana i taku tohu paetahi, e whai ana i kā mahi hītori. Inā kē hoki kā piki me kā heke o te whare wānaka ki tā te rakatahi Māori titiro. Heoti, mā te tautoko e Te Huka Mātauraka e eke panuku ai te tauira Māori i tēnei ao. Ahakoa ko wai, ahakoa nō hea, ka manaakitia te tauira Māori e Te Huka Mātauraka, ko tāu noa he tomo mai ki roto. Nāia mātau e tū maihi tuwhera nei ki a koutou katoa.”*



[Watch video](#)

## **Kiringaua Cassidy**

Ngāi Tahu/Kai Tahu, Ngāpuhi, Te Atiwa, Ngāi Takoto

[Studying for a Bachelor of Arts  
\(History\)](#)



# Te Tumu

## School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies

Te Tumu is a voice for an indigenous understanding of the world and the place of all peoples within it. It's a progressive School at the University, offering a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Māori Studies, Pacific Islands Studies or Indigenous Studies. Te Tumu also offers various options after the BA.



The School has a strong focus on teaching the Māori language and other topics relating to the Māori worldview as part of the BA in Māori Studies. The language is taught using monolingual, bilingual and immersion-teaching methods throughout the entire BA degree, and is supported by a mixture of other subjects such as tikanga/culture, and a selection of topics including history, performing arts, education, politics, Treaty of Waitangi and Ngāi Tahu studies.

The BA in Pacific Islands Studies is taught across several departments such as anthropology, archaeology, history, geography and media studies. The selection of papers makes up a unique programme with a multidisciplinary orientation

that examines contemporary issues of importance to Pacific peoples, including New Zealanders, within their broad cultural context.

A BA in Indigenous Studies currently focuses on cultures and indigenous development. Its aim is to provide a critical, cross-disciplinary, Māori/Pacific perspective.

Beyond the BA, Te Tumu offers various postgraduate programmes at honours, master's and PhD levels in Māori Studies, Pacific Islands Studies and Indigenous Studies. A Master of Indigenous Studies is also offered to distance students.

Staff at Te Tumu come from a variety of academic and cultural backgrounds, and

include members who identify as Māori, Pacific and Pākehā. The School aims to put into practice the language and inclusive cultural values that it teaches and researches.

Te Tumu has a strong commitment to Pacific communities and a unique association with the Ngāi Tahu people of the Otago region; Ngā Rūnanga o Te Tai o Arai-te-uru. This acknowledges the location of Te Tumu within Te Wai Pounamu and the relationship the school has with Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Māmoe and Waitaha as the tangata whenua (people of this land).

[otago.ac.nz/tetumu](http://otago.ac.nz/tetumu)



*Kō Ella tōku ikoa, he uri ahau nō Ōtākou. Kei te ako au ki te Whare Wānaka o Ōtākou.*

*"Kia ora all, I'm Ella and I'm a first-year student here at Otago.*

*"Ranging from course advice to counselling, Te Huka Matauraka is here to help. The team incorporates manaakitanga and whakawhanaungatanga for us all, supporting us the way we know how.*

*"Even if it's just a simple 'kia ora, bub', Te Huka Matauraka is a system of support that advances our university experience and guides us through any challenges we may face.*

*"Mā mua ka kite a muri, mā muri ka ora a mua."*



[Watch video](#)

## **Ella McDonald**

Ngāi Tahu/Kai Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha  
Studying for a Bachelor of Arts  
(Māori Studies major/History minor)



# Taunaki ākonga

## University student support services

We take our responsibility of manaakitanga seriously, with a system of student support to ensure you study hard, enjoy life and succeed at Otago.

### Campus Watch

The Campus Watch teams are out and about 24/7, ensuring that our campus is a safe and friendly place to live and study.

[otago.ac.nz/campus-watch](https://otago.ac.nz/campus-watch)

### Career Development Centre

The Career Development Centre runs interactive career workshops, co-ordinates employer presentations and career fairs, and has a wide range of useful online careers resources. Career advisers are available for one-to-one discussions.

[otago.ac.nz/careers](https://otago.ac.nz/careers)

### Code of Student Conduct

This set of common-sense rules prohibits behaviour likely to endanger safety.

[otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct](https://otago.ac.nz/code-of-conduct)

### Disability Information and Support

Disability Information and Support provides learning support, advice, advocacy and information to students with disabilities, impairments, medical conditions or injuries that may impact their study.

[otago.ac.nz/disabilities](https://otago.ac.nz/disabilities)

### Otago University Students' Association

OUSA is run by students for students. It offers student representation; a friendly and confidential advisory service; a recreation programme; over 170 sporting, cultural, political and religious clubs and societies; and social events.

[ousa.org.nz](https://ousa.org.nz)

### Pacific Islands Centre

The Pacific Islands Centre provides academic, pastoral and cultural support for all Pacific students enrolled at Otago. Get advice and assistance on everything from extra tutorials, mentoring and scholarships to finding accommodation or places to worship.

[otago.ac.nz/pacific](https://otago.ac.nz/pacific)

### Unipol Recreation

Entry into Unipol Recreation is free with your current student ID card. There are spaces for table tennis, basketball, foosball, netball, volleyball, futsal, group fitness, and functional, weights and cardio training.

[otago.ac.nz/recreation](https://otago.ac.nz/recreation)

### Student Health Services

Centrally located on campus, Student Health Services provides urgent and routine mental health, nursing and GP appointments daily.

[otago.ac.nz/studenthealth](https://otago.ac.nz/studenthealth)

### Te Whare Tāwharau

Te Whare Tāwharau is a sexual violence support and prevention centre, providing a place of shelter, free and confidential support, and education to reduce the impact of sexual violence within our campus communities.

[otago.ac.nz/te-whare-tawharau](https://otago.ac.nz/te-whare-tawharau)

### Student Learning Development

Student Learning Development provides one-to-one consultations, workshops, peer learning and support programmes, and online resources to help you develop your study skills.

[sld.otago.ac.nz](https://sld.otago.ac.nz)

## Māori Library Resources and Information Services

### Te Aka a Tāwhaki

The University's Central Library has a special study area to house the Māori Resources Collection / Te Aka a Tāwhaki.

Te Aka a Tāwhaki was established in collaboration with Te Tumu and provides core Māori resources that are required reading for many courses across the University, and a relaxed friendly place to get some work done.

### Uare Taoka o Hākena / Hocken Collections

This specialist collection of Māori, New Zealand and Pacific material includes artworks, photographs, music, books, journals, maps, newspapers, archives and manuscripts.

There is a specialist Māori research and consultation service, and classes and tours available to help you with your research.



*"My research derived from my ko wai au and nō hea au and was titled Whakapapa kai: Honouring my nana's recipes. I utilised Te Pūrākau o Whakaotirangi to analyse Māori connection to kai and the importance of Māori connection to kai for hauora. This research contributes to te kete of mātauranga Māori pertaining to kai as a culturally defined notion and the explicit links to hauora.*

*"In pursuit of my honour's degree, Te Huka Mātauraka has been my supportive and nurturing environment at this university. My university identity is synonymous with Te Huka Mātauraka.*

*"E te whakataukī ka pai te whakatō o ngā purapura, ka pai te puawaitanga / prepare the seed crop well and the harvest will prepare itself, encompasses the value of stepping into Te Huka Mātauraka. I am happily reaping the rewards in whanaungatanga with Māori kaimahi and tauira, and look forward to undertaking further kaupapa Māori studies."*

**Ella Cameron-Smith**

Waikato, Ngāti Ranginui

Studying for a Bachelor of Sciences with Honours  
(Sport, Exercise and Health)

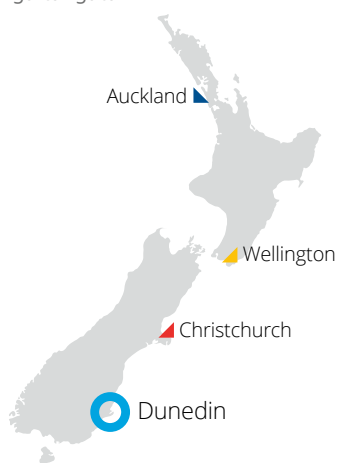


# Te hūnuku ki Ōtepoti

## Moving to Dunedin



Ka nōhia tēnei rohe whakahirahira o Ōtepoti e ngā Papatipu Rūnaka o Ōtākou, o Kāti Huirapa ki Puketeraki, o Moeraki. He pou whenua, he pou kōrero, he pou herenga tangata.



Dunedin is a true student city. During semesters our 21,000 students make up 20 per cent of the population, creating an energy and atmosphere that's unique to Otago.

Dunedin has everything that's on offer in larger cities, but it is still a friendly, uncrowded and safe place to live.

There is a strong cultural focus. Music and the arts, food, shopping and fashion, and museums and libraries are among the best in New Zealand.

And New Zealand's only covered stadium is also right on our doorstep – hosting international sport and music events throughout the year.

Although surrounded by hills, Dunedin is mostly flat and easily accessible. You don't need a car to get around – it's a 10-minute walk from the campus, residential colleges

and student flats to the town centre, and a good public transport system covers the main suburbs.

Dunedin is a small city between the mountains, the harbour and the sea – that means there's heaps to do and it's easy to access. The wild coast of the Otago Peninsula is home to an array of wildlife, and is also where the original Māori settlement of Ōtākou still overlooks the harbour entrance.

### What's the weather like?

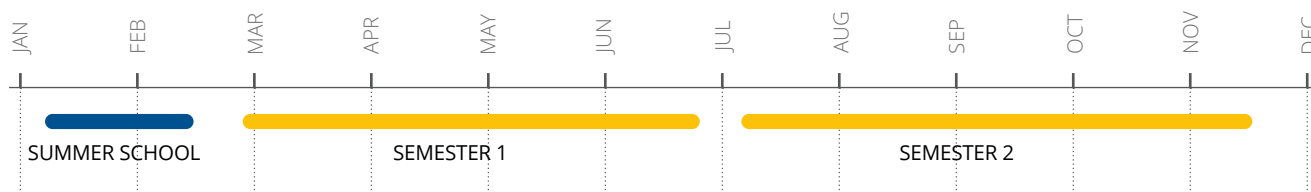
Despite being the country's southernmost university, Dunedin's weather is milder than you might think.

Daily highs are typically 18–22°C in summer and 10–12°C in winter. Dunedin also has considerably less rainfall than most New Zealand centres.

# He tau i te whare wānanga

## The university year

To help you get a picture of what's going on in students' lives, here's a general guide to what happens during the university year.



### January

➤ Summer School starts early in January. It is generally attended by returning students rather than first-years. Staff in the Māori Centre can help with any questions about Summer School.

### February

➤ Semester 1 starts. This is when you finalise what you are going to study, pay your fees and get your student ID card. Tauira Māori get the Te Ropū Māori logo on their ID, which entitles them to benefits that go hand-in-hand with automatic membership to the Māori Students' Association.

➤ Tūraka Hou / Māori Orientation helps you find your feet and tells you about all the support that is available.

➤ Orientation week is packed with music gigs, sports days, a market day and other activities.

➤ Soon after orientation there's a hui for tauira Māori to meet support groups on campus, followed by hui for tuakana and teina involved with Kā Rikarika ā Tāne.

➤ A Māori Academic Orientation Programme is also available to prepare you for the academic journey ahead.

### March

➤ Anxieties around courses and workload, finances and health, and homesickness may set in. There are people available in the colleges and on campus to offer help and support.

### April

➤ This is a busy time for assignments and assessments, followed by mid-semester break. Most students stay around Dunedin during the one-week break, although some first-year students like to head home and catch up with whānau and friends.

### May

➤ The lead-up to exams can be an anxious time as the pressure of study mounts. Staff in the colleges and support services are on hand to help.

### June

➤ The first semester ends with exams in the first half of June. Once exams are over, there is a two-week break.

### July

➤ Semester 2 is winter in Dunedin. New courses start.

➤ There is a Winter Orientation for tauira Māori, hosted by the Māori Centre.

### August

➤ One-week mid-semester break.

### September

➤ Students complete their last assessments and begin studying for the final exams.

➤ The Māori Centre holds scholarships expos for students to find out what kind of financial help is available for the following year's study.

### October and November

➤ End of year exams start in mid-October and finish in early November. Once students complete their last exam, summer break begins!

### December

➤ Semester 2 exam results come out at the beginning of December.



# Ka noho au ki hea?

## Where will I live?



### Residential colleges

As more than 85 per cent of our new students come from outside Dunedin, we place great importance on providing high-quality, safe and supervised living in our undergraduate residential colleges.

The colleges are all situated on campus or within walking distance of the University. They are fully catered, have a mix of male and female students, and range in size from 125 to more than 500 beds.

Professional, experienced college leaders and staff take a real interest in the well-being of their residents. They are supported by senior students who mentor and guide students through their first year of university.

The colleges provide tutorials and study spaces, active social and volunteering opportunities, new friends and, most of all, peace of mind.

You can apply online for a place in a residential college from 1 August each year.

[otago.ac.nz/colleges](https://otago.ac.nz/colleges)



Our residential colleges accommodate around 3,500 students.

97%

97% of students provide a positive assessment of their colleges.

### Flatting

Flatting is an important part of university life. It offers independence and also greater responsibility. Dunedin has a wide range of rental accommodation – from studio rooms and character houses to multi-unit purpose-built complexes. When looking at a flat ensure you consider what it will be like in the middle of winter – a cold and damp flat may lead to health issues that can affect your studies.

The Student Accommodation Centre can help you find accommodation and provide helpful hints for flatting life.

[otago.ac.nz/accommodation](https://otago.ac.nz/accommodation)

# He aha te utu?

## What will it cost?

### Study fees

Most domestic students who are new to tertiary education will be eligible for one year of fees-free study. For more information, and to find out how to check your eligibility, please visit:

[otago.ac.nz/fees-free](https://otago.ac.nz/fees-free)

After your first year, programme fees range from approximately \$6,000 to \$16,000 depending on what degree and papers you study.

### Student loans and allowances

If you cannot pay all of your costs yourself, StudyLink can help you arrange a Government Student Loan. The service can also help you apply for a student allowance (conditions apply), and assist with budgeting and other financial advice.

[studylink.govt.nz](https://studylink.govt.nz)

### Living costs

|                                        | Residential college | Flatting        |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Annual accommodation fee               | \$18,315            | -               |
| Average rent (52 weeks @ \$200)        | -                   | \$10,400        |
| Groceries (40 weeks @ \$100)           | -                   | \$4,000         |
| Electricity/internet (52 weeks @ \$25) | -                   | \$1,800         |
| Personal costs (40 weeks @ \$80)       | \$3,200             | \$3,200         |
| Entertainment (40 weeks @ \$55)        | \$2,200             | \$2,200         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>\$23,715</b>     | <b>\$21,600</b> |

*Note: This table provides an estimate of living costs based on 2022 figures. Residential college contracts are normally for 38 weeks. Some colleges may charge a higher fee than the fee listed in the table. In addition to the accommodation fee, the residential colleges charge a small amenity fee.*

### Is university worth it?

Yes. Statistics tell us graduates generally earn the best salaries. They also find a range of jobs available, as a degree is evidence of being hard-working and adaptable.

And the university experience helps people grow, influencing every aspect of their lives and affecting the way they bring up and educate their own whānau.

Going to university is not a guaranteed door to success – but it's a path that leads in the right direction.



**James Crofts-Bennett**

Kāi Tahu, Kāti Mamoe, Waitaha

Bachelor of Science (Botany and Zoology,  
Master of Science (Botany), PhD candidate

**James Crofts-Bennett is one of those rare people who discover their calling in life at a young age. In his case it was a childhood fascination for spiders.**

"I always wanted to study spiders. That was never up for debate," he says.

Because his interest was highly specialised, Otago was a perfect fit – it had the facilities to piece together his degree with a double major in Botany and Zoology.

Now with a Bachelor of Science under his belt, he is one of a few arachnologists researching spiders in New Zealand.

James completed his Master of Science thesis on spider ecology; a wide-ranging survey of a creature whose habits are neither well known or understood in this country.

As part of his research, he developed a live capture trap to catch spiders in sensitive ecological areas.

"Spiders are very resilient but also highly selective about their habitat," he says. "Particularly the plants on which they live."

"I never considered how important plants were to spiders until I studied botany. It has completely changed how I view spiders."

With 800 species of spiders in New Zealand, many of them unnamed, the field is wide open for research.



# E pehea au e uru atu ai?

## How do I get in?

To enrol at Otago, you'll need to be at least 16 years old by the start of classes and hold one of the following university entrance (UE) qualifications.

### NCEA Level 3

- At least 14 credits in each of three approved subjects
- Numeracy – 10 credits at Level 1 or higher
- Literacy – 10 credits at Level 2 or above (five in reading and five in writing)

### Cambridge Assessment International Education (Cambridge International)

- At least 120 points on the UCAS Tariff, with a grade of D or better at AS or A level in syllabuses from at least three different syllabus groups, broadly equivalent to the NCEA-approved subject list
- Meet literacy and numeracy requirements

### International Baccalaureate (IB)

- IB diploma with 24 points minimum
- Meet literacy and numeracy requirements

### Overseas secondary school qualifications

- Australian Secondary School Ranking
- General Certificate of Education (GCE) Advanced Level
- International Baccalaureate (IB) taken overseas
- Other overseas qualifications

### Preferential Entry

Preferential Entry guarantees a place at Otago.

As a Māori applicant you may qualify for Preferential Entry if you:

- gain UE and meet the minimum age and language requirements
- apply by the due date
- have not previously studied at a tertiary institution
- are applying for a programme subject to the Entry Pathway system.

[otago.ac.nz/entrance](https://otago.ac.nz/entrance)



**Nick Griffen**

Kāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe

Studying for a Bachelor of Dental Surgery

**Nick Griffen says finding a career he is passionate about and the friends he has made at Otago are the highlights of studying in his hometown.**

"No one that I know of in my immediate or extended family has been to university, so I felt that I should take that leap and further my education ... and obviously the option was right here," he says.

Although his family live in Dunedin, Nick chose to live at Te Rangi Hiroa College during his first year studying Health Sciences.

"I'm glad I went to a residential college. It was really beneficial for helping my learning. There was a lot of support in place and you don't need to think about cooking."

The further he got through his Health Sciences course, the more he looked into what profession he wanted to study.

"I chose Dentistry and I haven't looked back," he says. "I love it, so it was the right choice."

Aside from his studies, Nick is involved with Te Whare Tū Taua, which practices the art of Māori weaponry, and he plays the guitar, drums and bass.

Nick has also benefitted from participating in Ka Rikarika o Tāne (the Māori Centre's mentoring programme) and SWAT (the Māori Health Sciences first-year study skills programme).

"I love it here because it's home. And it's good knowing you have support there if you need it."





*"I am the first of my whānau to come to university, so it was a daunting experience to begin with and I knew I was in for a busy year as I was studying Health Sciences First Year."*

*"Te Huka Matauraka made the transition from secondary school to university streamlined and much more manageable with support specifically catered for us as tauira Māori. Throughout my first year of university, Te Huka Matauraka provided pastoral support and academic tutorials which were invaluable to my studies."*

**Malcolm Doherty**

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Tamakinui a Rua

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# Ko ngā ika-ā-whiro

## Our Māori alumni

We are incredibly proud of all of our Māori alumni, including this snapshot of outstanding graduates who left Otago and went on to make a difference in the world.

### Te Rangi Hīroa

Ngāti Mutunga

[MB ChB 1904](#), [MD 1910](#), [HDSO 1937](#)

Otago's first recorded Māori graduate trained as a doctor between 1900 and 1904. Te Rangi Hīroa (Ngāti Mutunga), also known as Sir Peter Buck, went on to make significant contributions to his people and his country in public health and Māori history.

His graduation marked the dawn of a proud tradition of Māori achievement at Otago. Since then, countless Māori graduates of the University have used their education to build successful careers and enrich their communities through their knowledge and leadership.



Te Rangi Hīroa (Sir Peter Buck)

(Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of New Zealand Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa)

### Dr Tutere Wi Repa

Te Whānau-a-Apanui, Ngāti Porou

[MB ChB 1908](#)

### Dr Edward Pohou Ellison

Ngāi Tahu, Te Ātiawa

[MB ChB 1919](#)

### Hoani Parata

Ngāi Tahu

[BCom 1944](#)

### Dr Henry Bennett

Te Arawa

[MB ChB 1944](#)

### Dr Rina Moore (nee Ropiha)

Rangitāne (Te Matau a Māui/Hawkes Bay/Wairarapa),

Te Whānau-a-Apanui

[MB ChB 1947](#)

### Professor Eru Pomare

Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Raukawa,

Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongowhakaata

[MB ChB 1966](#)

### Sir Peter Tapsell

Ngāti Whakaue, Te Arawa

[MB ChB 1952](#), [HonLLD 1997](#)

### Dr Paratene Ngata

Ngāti Porou

[MB ChB 1970](#), [HonLLD 2004](#)

### Professor Sir Mason Durie

Rangitāne, Ngāti Raukawa, Ngāti Kauwhata

[MB ChB 1963](#), [HonLLD 2008](#)

### Professor Piri Sciascia

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu

[BSc 1968](#), [BA 1972](#)

### Dr Pamela Bennett

Te Arawa

[BSc 1971](#)

### Ian Taylor CNZM

Ngāti Kahungunu

[LLB 1975](#)

### Judge Sarah Reeves

Te Ātiawa

[LLB 1984](#)

### Jamie Joseph

Ngāti Maniapoto, Rangitane

[BPhEd 1993](#)

### Bentham Ohia

Ngāi Te Rangi, Ngāti Pukenga, Ngāti Ranginui,

Te Ātiawa, Ngāti Rārua

[BA 1995](#)

### Dr Farah Rangikoepa Palmer ONZM

Ngāti Mahuta, Ngāti Waiora

[BPhEd\(Hons\) 1995](#), [PhD 2000](#)

### Professor Jacinta Ruru

Raukawa, Ngāti Ranginui, Ngāti Maniapoto

[LLB 1998](#), [LLM 2002](#)

### Dr Diane Ruwhiu

Ngāpuhi

[BCom\(Hons\) 1998](#), [MCom 2001](#), [PhD 2009](#)

### Professor John Broughton CNZM

Ngāti Kahungunu, Ngāi Tahu

[PhD 2006](#)

### Dr Tangiwai Rewi

Waikato

[MIndS 2006](#), [PhD 2018](#)

### Marilynn Webb ONZM

Ngāpuhi

[HonLLD 2010](#)

### Professor Suzanne Pitama

Ngāti Kahungunu ki Te Wairoa, Ngāti Whare

[PhD 2013](#)

### Burns Fellows

Hone Tuwhare (1974)

Witi Ihimaera (1975)

Keri Hulme (1977)

Rawiri Paratene (1983)

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## Key dates

### 1 August

Residential college applications open online.

### 15 August

Closing date for many University of Otago entrance scholarships.

### 31 August

Bachelor of Teaching applications due.

### 1 September

Performance Music audition applications due.

### 15 September

Bachelor of Radiation Therapy, Bachelor of Oral Health, Bachelor of Dental Technology applications due.

### 30 September

Residential college applications due.

### 10 December

Closing date for applications for all new students taking Summer School, semester 1 or full-year papers or courses.





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